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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS, FUNSETH

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SECRETARY: I AM LEAVING FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR
EUROPEAN ALLIES AND ALSO TO MEET WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN
MINISTER TO REVIEW SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND
PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
AND OF COURSE WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MEETING
WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN, ALL OF WHICH IS PART OF OUR
EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, THERE'S BEEN SOME TALK OF
ADDITIONAL U.S. ASSURANCES, COMMITMENTS, GUARANTEES FOR
ISRAEL. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES?

SECRETARY: ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
HAS TWO ELEMENTS -- THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHAT THE UNITED STATES CAN CONTRIBUTE
IN THE WAY OF ASSURANCES, OR ACTING AS A TRANSMITTER OF
ASSURANCES OF THE TWO SIDES TO EACH OTHER. AND WHATEVER
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IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO DO, THE UNITED STATES WILL DO

TO PROMOTE PROGRESS.

QUESTION: MR SECRETARY, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT AN AGREE-
MENT IS ALREADY WRAPPED UP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

SECRETARY: TOTALLY WRONG.

QUESTION: BUT IS IT APPROACHING THE POINT?

SECRETARY: NO. WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THAT POINT.
BUT ALL SIDES, ISRAEL AND EGYPT, ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY.
AND OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED
ITS INTEREST IN PROMOTING PEACE ON A BASIS JUST TO ALL.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, THERE'S BEEN A REPORT THAT THE
PRESIDENT AND SOME LEADERS IN THE HOUSE HAVE WORKED OUT A
TENTATIVE COMPROMISE ON RESUMING AID TO TURKEY.

SECRETARY: WELL, THEY DISCUSSED THIS MORNING POSSIBLE
WAYS BY WHICH AID TO TURKEY CAN BE RESUMED. HEARINGS
WILL BE HELD IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OR THE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TOMORROW, AND WE ARE
HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE.

THANK YOU.

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